

The 3rd Annual Alabama Citizen Corps Conference
Citizen Preparedness: Building Resistant and Resilient Communities
December 13th & 14th, 2006
Point Clear, Alabama

Wednesday, December 13, 2006

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM REGISTRATION – Grand Ballroom Foyer

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM BUFFET BREAKFAST – Grand Ballroom South

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM Welcome – Azalea Ballroom
Speaker: **Honorable Wayne A. Gruenloh**, Chairman, Baldwin County Commission
Sydney Hoffman, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Faith-Based and
Community Initiatives

9:15 AM - 10:00 AM The Importance of Preparedness in America – Azalea Ballroom
Speaker: **Andrew T. Mitchell**, Office for Domestic Preparedness, US Department of
Homeland Security
Objective:
• Federal update on preparedness activities

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Citizen Corps Panel – Azalea Ballroom
Moderator: **Sydney Hoffman**, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Faith-Based and
Community Initiatives

Heather King, National Office of Citizen Corps, Department of Homeland Security (CERT)

Nancy Kolb, Project Manager of Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)

Robbie Woodson, Program Director of Neighborhood Watch

Larry Curl, National Coordinator of Fire Corps

Rob Tossato, Director of Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

Kristin McSwain, Director, AmeriCorps State and National

Objectives:

- To provide updates and identify strategic partners from each program
- To share upcoming events and strategies for the future

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

Lunch: Citizen Corps in Alabama – Grand Ballroom North

Speaker: **Sydney Hoffman**, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

Objectives:

- To provide updates on the activities of the State Citizen Corps Council
- To highlight best practices in collaboration between Citizen Corps, National Service, Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, and other community and faith-based organizations

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Liability - Azalea Ballroom

Speaker: **John Wible**, Legal Counsel, Alabama Department of Public Health

Objective:

- To provide information on volunteers and liability issues

2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

BREAK/EXHIBITS - Grand Ballroom South

Concurrent Workshops

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Grant Writing Salon A

Speaker: **Lisa Castaldo**,
Governor's Office of Faith-Based and
Community Initiatives

Objectives:

- To learn how to write viable grant proposals
- To understand the grant making process and identify and cultivate funding sources for potential projects

Planning for Pandemics Salon D

Speaker: **Andy Mullins**,
Alabama Department of Public Health

Objective:

- To learn how to integrate volunteers into pandemic influenza planning

Building and Sustaining Community Partnerships Salon B

Speaker: **Steve McMahon**,
United Way of America

Objectives:

- To learn about stakeholder identification and asset mapping
- To identify goals, the collaboration process, and the need for external support

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Dinner- Grand Ballroom North The State of Preparedness in Alabama

Speaker: **Jim Walker**, Director, Alabama Department of Homeland Security

Objective:

- To provide an update on Homeland Security funding and initiatives for Alabama in FY 2006

Thursday, December 14, 2006

7:15 AM - 8:15 AM

BUFFET BREAKFAST - Grand Ballroom North

8:15 AM - 9:00 AM

Volunteers in Disasters - Azalea Ballroom

Speaker: **Bruce Baughman**, Director, Alabama Emergency Management Agency

Objectives:

- To provide updates from the Alabama Emergency Management Agency
- To discuss the importance of the utilization of volunteers in disasters

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Utilizing and Preparing Seniors - Azalea Ballroom

Speaker: **Irene Collins**, Executive Director, Alabama Department of Senior Services

Objective:

- To discuss the importance of senior inclusion in disaster planning and response activities

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

BREAK/EXHIBITS - Grand Ballroom South

Concurrent Workshops

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Including Citizens with Disabilities

Salon A

Speaker: **Sheree Fugate**,
Volunteer Florida

Objectives:

- To learn ways to include citizens with different abilities into volunteer programs
- To learn best practices in recruiting citizens with disabilities to volunteer programs

Volunteer Management

Salon D

Speaker: **Emily Weidhaas**,
AmeriCorps St. Louis Emergency
Response Team

Objectives:

- To learn effective ways of organizing and utilizing spontaneous volunteers in disasters
- To learn advanced methods of engaging and retaining program volunteers

Involving Youth in Preparedness Activities

Salon B

Speakers: **Alison Welty**,
Governor's Office of Faith-Based and
Community Initiatives & **Ruth Oliver**,
US Space and Rocket Center

Objectives:

- To learn how to develop programs that encourage youth preparedness
- To discuss recruitment and reference materials for youth activities

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Lunch- Collaborating with Volunteer Organizations – Grand Ballroom North

Keynote: Ken Skalitzky, Voluntary Agency Liaison, FEMA Region IV

Objectives:

- To learn best practices in partnerships between voluntary organizations and government
- To identify strategies for successful collaboration between VOAD organizations, Citizen Corps Councils, and National Service
- To identify potential outreach methods to these groups

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Citizen Corps Panel - Azalea Ballroom

**Best Practices Dialogue - Community Emergency Response Team (CERT),
Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), Fire Corps, Neighborhood Watch, and
Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)**

Moderator: Joe Davis, Assistant Director, Alabama Department of Homeland Security

Captain Don Lee, Community Emergency Response Team

Judy Nuland, Medical Reserve Corps

Larry Curl, Fire Corps

Patrick Harris, Neighborhood Watch

Karen Siensen, Volunteers in Police Service

Objectives:

- To identify best practices in recruitment, volunteer recognition, training, and programming
- To encourage networking among program participants

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Lessons Learned/Next Steps-- Azalea Ballroom

Objectives:

- To identify objectives for 2007
- To evaluate the 2006 conference

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